for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension, duly verified and recommended by the State Government, is *pensing.*

(c) The following movements in the State of Kerala have been recognised for the purpose of grant of pension under the "Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme".

(i) Kallara-Pangode case

(ii) Kadakkal Riot case

(iii) Vattiyoorkavu Conference

(iv) Chengannur Riot case
(v) Anti-Independent Travancore Movement, 1947
(vi) Punnapra-Vayalar Movement
(vii) Karivellor Movement
(viii) Kavumbai Movement
(ix) Kayyur Movement
(x) Morazha Movement
(xi) Malabar Special Police Strike (MSP Strike)

Modernisation of Police Force in NER

2561. SHRI W, ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for modernisation of police force in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the amounts allotted to each State for modernising police forces; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to release financial assistance *to* each State for construction of Police Housing Complex in order to face the insurgents by the local police openly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Central Government has formulated a special scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces of North Eastern States under which arms and ammunition, vehicles, communication equipment and other equipment of an estimated value of Rs. 285 crores would be provided in kind. There is no specific Statewise allocation.

The scheme has been in operation since 1997-98 and will continue till 2001-2002.

In addition, Ministry of Home Affairs is also administering another scheme for Modernisation of Police Force for the entire country, including North East, under which funds are provided by the Central Government to States on a 50:50 matching basis. The allocation under this scheme during the current, financial year is Rs. 200 crores for the entire country. Prime Minister has recently announced enhancement of this amount to Rs. 1000 crores.

(c) Police Housing is a State subject. However, certain funds for the purpose have been provided under the Tenth Finance Commission Grants.

Founder members of AHEAD

2562. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few employees of the International D elopment Research Centre (IDRC) South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, are among the founder members of the society, Asian Health Environmental and Allied Database (AHEAD), registered on 12th August, 1994, (No.S/26497) with the Register of Societies, Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the above employees became members as the representative of IDRC; and

(c) whether IDRC is associated with information and activities of AHEAD society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There is nothing on record to suggest that IRDC is